1	2	3	4	5
19	West Bengal			
123.	Uttar Dinajpur	986,740	1,005,051	18,311
	Total:	986,740	1,005.051	18,311
20	Chandigarh*			
124.	Chandigarh	121,185	141,777	20,592
	Tow:	121,185	141,777	20,592
21	Dadra & Nagar Haveli'			
125.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	65,306	76.387	11,081
22	Daman & Diu*			
126.	Diu	13,117	19,532	6,415
	Total:	13,117	19,532	6,415
23	Delhi*			
127.	Northwest	403.487	472,162	68,675
128.	North East	277.696	330,709	53.013
129.	West	253.357	305,502	52.145
130.	South West	195.982	246,552	50,570
131.	South	304,251	348,542	44,291
	Total:	1,434,773	1,703,467	268,694
24	Pondicherry*			
132.	Yanam	3.925	7,093	3,168
	Total:	3,925	7,093	3,168

'Union Territory

Prathmik Shiksha Kosh

*533. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the money collected from 2 per cent education cess imposed in this year's Union Budget would actually go towards financing primary education;

(b) whether the Prime Minister has decided to set up a dedicated non-lapsable fund for the purpose;

(c) if so, whether this fund called "Prathmik Shiksha Kosh" would be created and maintained by the Department of Elementary Education and Literacy similar to the Central Road Fund (CRF);

(d) if so, to what extent this fund has been utilized by his Ministry so far; and

(e) the steps taken so far to utilize this money for developing education?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) An Education Cess has been levied through the Finance (No.2) Act, 2004, "to fulfil the commitment of the Government to provide and finance universalized quality basic education."

(b) to (e) It has been decided to creat a "Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh" which will be a non-lapsable fund into which receipts of the Education Cess would be credited. Details in regard to the Kosh are being worked out. During 2004-05, after the imposition of the Education Cess, outlays for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and the Mid Day Meal Schemes were augmented to the extent of Rs. 2000 crores and Rs. 1222 crores respectively, and these additional outlays were fully utilized. During 2005-06, outlay for elementary education schemes has been more than doubled compared to Budget Estimates, 2004-05.

Thefts in cultural heritage

†*534. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that incidents of theft in the cultural heritage is on the rise; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken so far to protect the same?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) There is no information to indicate that the incidents of theft of heritage objects are on the rise.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.